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TOPIC 1st Mech Kommando in Oranienburg of KVP-Dienststelle Potsdam II.	
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1. The 1st Mech Kommando, stationed at Oranienburg was subordinate to the KVP-Dienststelle Potsdam II and numbered about 2,000 officers and enlisted men. At the time of information, only individual men were assigned to the Kommando. Personnel leaving the Kommando were either sick or expellees from the KVP.
2. Officers of the unit included Lieutenant Colonel Klebsch (fnu), commander; Senior Lieutenant Blahovskii (fnu), supply officer; Captain Ludwig (fnu), political indoctrination deputy; and Captain Heinz Boehmann, artillery deputy.
3. At the time of information, the unit was organized into 3 infantry battalions; 1 artillery battalion of three batteries, which were equipped with 76-mm guns; 1 tank battalion of three tank companies; 1 signal company; 1 motor transport company; 1 AAA company; and 1 regimental (NCO) school.
4. At the time of information, infantrymen received basic training in extended order; artillerymen received ordnance instruction; and tank troops were instructed in tank engineering. The artillery battalion was scheduled to hold a record firing in Klietz on 8 March 1954.

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[REDACTED] Comment. KVP-Dienststelle Potsdam II is the designation of the headquarters of the Potsdam Mech Div. The indicated strength of 2,000 men is believed to be too high for the 1st Mech Regt in Oranienburg. Credible reports

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[REDACTED] indicated that the regiment numbered about 1,300. Although it is possible that the strength of the unit increased to 2,000 men by assignment of recruits, it must be taken into account that recruiting generally failed to provide the quota expected. The regiment, may, however, have been given priority regarding the assignment of enlistees.

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